

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2892, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1800–1818. **Page S10570**

Measures Passed:

Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act: Senate passed S. 1818, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall. **Pages S10584–85**

Conference Reports:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act Conference Report: By 79 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 323), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

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Department of Defense Authorization Act Conference Report—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, October 22, 2009.

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Appointments:

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: The Chair announced, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to P.L. 110–315, the appointment of the following to be members of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: Daniel Klaich of Nevada, Cameron Staples of Connecticut, and Larry Vanderhoef of California. **Page S10585**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 with respect to blocking the property of persons contributing to the conflict taking place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–35) **Page S10570**

Sessions Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission. **Page S10568**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, October 22, 2009. **Page S10568**

Lange Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Roberto A. Lange, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota; that debate on the nomination be limited to 2 hours equally divided and controlled between Senators Leahy and Sessions, or their designees; with the vote on confirmation of the nomination occurring at 2 p.m. **Page S10584**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—323)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10585.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL HOUSING MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the nation's housing market, after receiving testimony from Senator Isakson; Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Diane Randall, Partnership for Strong Communities, Hartford, Connecticut; and Ron Phipps, National Association of Realtors, Emile J. Brinkmann, Mortgage Bankers Association, and David Crowe, National Association of Home Builders, all of Washington, DC.

CUSTOMS FACILITATION AND TRADE ENFORCEMENT ACT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1631, to reauthorize customs facilitation and trade enforcement functions and programs, after receiving testimony from Jerry Cook, Hanesbrands Inc., Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Richard Cotton, NBC Universal, New York, New York; Ted Sherman, Target, Minneapolis, Minnesota;

and Mary Ann Comstock, UPS Supply Chain Solutions, Inc., Sweet Grass, Montana.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Anne Marie Wagner, of Virginia, to be a Member, both of the Merit Systems Protection Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MEDICAL BANKRUPTCY FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine medical debt, focusing on bankruptcy reform, including S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Edwards, Center for American Progress Action Fund, Aparna Mathur, American Enterprise Institute, and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Hudson Institute, all of Washington, DC; John A. E. Pottow, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor; and Kerry Burns, Coventry, Rhode Island.

HEALTH CARE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health care solutions for America's small businesses, after receiving testimony from Karen G. Mills, Administrator, United States Small Business Administration; Gene Sperling, Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and John Arensmeyer, Small Business Majority, Amanda L. Austin, National Federation of Independent Business, Ann Sullivan, Madison Services Group, Inc., on behalf of Women Impacting Public Policy, Edmund F. Haislmaier, The Heritage Foundation, and Keith Ashmus, National Small Business Association, all of Washington, DC.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 40 public bills, H.R. 3845–3884; 7 resolutions, H. Res. 844–845, 847–851 were introduced. **Pages H11514–15**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11515–17**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 846, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3585) to guide and provide for United States research, development, and demonstration of solar energy technologies (H. Rept. 111–304); and

H.R. 3792, to amend title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for providing life-saving care for those with HIV/AIDS (H. Rept. 111–305). **Page H11514**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:51 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H11465**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for an exclusion from Red Flag Guidelines for certain businesses: H.R. 3763, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for an exclusion from Red Flag Guidelines for certain businesses, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 790; **Pages H11467–69, H11479–80**

Army Specialist Jeremiah Paul McCleery Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3319, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Gullwing Street in Portola, California, as the “Army Specialist Jeremiah Paul McCleery Post Office Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 791; **Pages H11469–70, H11480–81**

Extending the commercial space transportation liability regime: H.R. 3819, to extend the commercial space transportation liability regime; **Pages H11470–72**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week: H. Res. 793, to support the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week; and **Pages H11472–74**

Supporting the increased understanding of, and interest in, computer science and computing careers among the public and in schools: H. Res. 558, amended, to support the increased understanding of, and interest in, computer science and computing careers among the public and in schools, and to ensure an ample and diverse future technology workforce through the designation of National Computer

Science Education Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 792. **Pages H11474–77, H11481**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:41 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H11479**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Robert W. Davis, former Member of Congress. **Page H11480**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Jay W. Johnson, former Member of Congress. **Page H11481**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of cyber security in the United States: H. Res. 797, to express the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of cyber security in the United States, and to support the goals and ideals of the sixth annual National Cyber Security Awareness Month. **Pages H11477–79**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he made a determination and certification of Haiti’s compliance with HOPE II requirements under PL 110–246—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–69). **Pages H11466–67**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the emergency declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–70). **Page H11467**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in that country, are to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–71). **Page H11482**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H11481–82.

Senate Referral: S. 1793 was held at the desk. **Pages H11481–82**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11479–80, H11480, H11481. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 2708, Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2009. Testimony was heard from Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The High Cost of Small Business Health Insurance: Limited Options, Limited Coverage.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION AGENCY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Assistance: Continued mark up of the Discussion Draft of the Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009 (to be reported as H.R. 3126, Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009).

Will continue tomorrow.

GIRLS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on Girls in the Juvenile Justice System: Strategies to Help Girls Achieve Their full Potential. Testimony was heard from Eileen Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Thomas Stickrath, Director, Department of Youth Services, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1672, Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Authorization Act of 2009; and H.R. 2548, Keep America’s Waterfronts Working Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Pingree; David M. Kennedy, Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES ADVISORY COMMITTEES EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled “National Archives: Advisory Committees and their Effectiveness.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Archives and Records Administration: Sharon Fawcett, Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries; and Martha Morphy, Chief Information Officer; Robert Flaak, Director, Committee Management Secretariat, GSA; and Christopher Greer, Assistant Director, Information Technology, R&D, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

SPACE TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP ACT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3585, the “Solar Technology Roadmap Act.” The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Science and Technology or his designee. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gordon and Representatives Titus and Hall of Texas.

YOUNG-ELDERLY—SPECIAL NEEDS DISASTER CARE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on Looking Out for the Very Young, the Elderly and Others with Special Needs: Lessons from Katrina and other Major Disasters. Testimony was heard from Tim Manning, Deputy Administrator, National Preparedness, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine space, focusing on the value, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the costs and benefits for energy consumers and energy prices associated with the allocation of greenhouse gas emission allowances, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nominations of Craig Becker, of Illinois, Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, and Brian Hayes, of Massachusetts, all to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, Rolena Klahn Adorno, of Connecticut, and Marvin Krislov, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, and Gloria Valencia-Weber, of New Mexico, Julie A. Reiskin, of Colorado, Martha L. Minow, of Illinois, John Gerson Levi, of Illinois, and Robert James Grey, Jr., of Virginia, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine H1N1 flu, focusing on monitoring the nation's response, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jane Branstetter Stranch, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and Benjamin B. Tucker, of New York, to be Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 977, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war, S. 1109, to provide veterans with individualized notice about available benefits, to streamline application processes or the benefits, S. 1118, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of monthly dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 1155, to amend title 38,

United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for health, S. 1204, to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, S. 1237, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, S. 1302, to provide for the introduction of pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms into contracts of the Department of Veterans Affairs with community-based outpatient clinics for the provisions of health care services, S. 1394, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to acknowledge the receipt of medical, disability, and pension claims and other communications submitted by claimants, S. 1427, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Hospital Quality Report Card Initiative to report on health care quality in Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, S. 1429, to establish a commission on veterans and members of the Armed Forces with post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, or other mental health disorders, to enhance the capacity of mental health care providers to assist such veterans and members, to ensure such veterans are not discriminated against, S. 1444, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of service-connection of disabilities, S. 1467, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide coverage under Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance for adverse reactions to vaccinations administered by the Department of Defense, S. 1483, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Alexandria, Minnesota, as the "Max J. Beilke Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic", S. 1518, to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune, S. 1531, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs the position of Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, S. 1547, to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, S. 1556, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, S. 1607, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain rights and benefits for persons who are absent from positions of employment to receive medical treatment for service-connected disabilities, and S. 1668, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of

Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and any pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: to hold hearings to examine United States counter-narcotics strategy in Afghanistan, 11 a.m., SD-138.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider derivatives legislation; and to approve the Dunloup Creek Watershed of West Virginia and the Cape Cod Watershed of Massachusetts projects, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to examine U.S. Department of Agriculture rural business programs, conditions for rural entrepreneurship and business development, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on U.S. Military Redeployment from Iraq: Issues and Challenges, 10 a.m., 210 HVC.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3276, American Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2009; H.R. 3258, Drinking Water System Security Act of 2009; H.R. 2868, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009; and H.R. 2190, Mercury Pollution Reduction Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Assistance, to continue mark up of the Discussion Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009 (to be reported as H.R. 3126, Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2009), 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Burma, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on International Violence Against Women: Stories and Solutions, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to mark up the following: H.R. 3224, To authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian to plan, design, and construct a vehicle maintenance building at the vehicle maintenance branch of the Smithsonian Institution located in Suitland, Maryland, and for other purposes; H.R. 1729, Student VOTER Act of 2009; H.R. 2843, Architect of the Capitol Appointment Act of 2009; H.R. 3489, To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit State election officials from accepting a challenge to an individual's eligibility to register to vote in an election for Federal office or to vote in an election for Federal office in a jurisdiction on the grounds that the individual resides in a household in the jurisdiction which is subject to foreclosure proceedings or that the jurisdiction was adversely

affected by a hurricane or other major disaster, and for other purposes; H.R. 3542, State Admission Day Recognition Act of 2009; a Committee Resolution, to adopt voucher documentation standards; and a Committee Resolution to prohibit text messaging while driving on official business, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Elections, hearing on Modernizing the Election Registration Process, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3596, Health Insurance Industry Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009; H.R. 412, Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Latin Americans of Japanese Descent Act; H.R. 1425, Wartime Treatment Study Act; and H.R. 3237, To enact certain laws relating to national and commercial space programs as title 51, United States Code, "National and Commercial Space Programs," 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, hearing on H.R. 2523, Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act or the HEARTH Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing entitled: "The 2010 Census Master Address File: Issues and Concerns," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 3619, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3791, Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009; and H.R. 3820, Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Biomass for Thermal Energy and Electricity Through a Research and Development Portfolio for the Future, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to mark up the Small Business Financial and Investment Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, Subcommittee Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, to mark up the following: H.R. 761, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries; H.R. 3485, Veterans Pensions Protection Act, and other pending business, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Update on Counternarcotics Efforts in Mexico, 10 a.m., and executive, hearing on Patriot Act Reauthorization, 2 p.m., 304 HVC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond two hours), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Roberto A. Lange, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2 p.m. Also, Senate is expected to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1776, Medicare Physicians Fairness Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, October 21

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 3792—Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act; (2) H.R. 3632—Federal Judiciary Administrative Improvements Act; (3) H. Con. Res. 177—Raising the awareness of the need for crime prevention in communities across the country and expressing support for designation of

October 1, 2009, through October 3, 2009, as “Celebrate Safe Communities Week,” and October as “Crime Prevention Month”; (4) H. Res. 811—Expressing support for designation of October 2009 as “National Principals Month”; (5) H. Res. 837—Recognizing Kentucky Wesleyan College; (6) H. Res. 660—Recognizing the distinguished history of the Laurinburg Normal Industrial Institute; (7) H. Res. 836—Expressing support for Teen Read Week; (8) S. Con. Res. 43—Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke; (9) H. Res. 823—Expressing deep condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues of those killed and injured in the attack on the United Nations World Food Program office in Islamabad, Pakistan, on October 5, 2009, and support for the WFP’s mission to bring emergency food aid to the most vulnerable people of Pakistan and around the world; (10) H. Res. 761—Remembering and commemorating the lives and work of the Jesuit Fathers on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of their deaths at the University of Central America Jose Simeon Canas located in San Salvador, El Salvador on November 16, 1989; (11) H. Res. 672—Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to release imprisoned bloggers and respect Internet freedom; and (12) H. Res. 175—Condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

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